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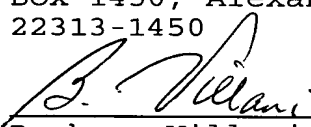
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Title: "IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND PROGRAM"

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Enclosed herewith are:

- [X] Specification (Description, Claims, Abstract): Pages 1 - 117 ; Number of claims 1 - 45
- [X] Declaration and Power of Attorney [X] executed; [] unexecuted (supplied for information purposes)
- [X] 22 Sheets of drawings, Figures 1 - 24 [X] Formal [] Informal
- [X] Assignment and "Patents" Recordation Form Cover Sheet (PTO-1595) AND \$40. RECORDATION FEE.
- [X] Certified copies of priority documents identified above
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